

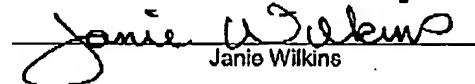
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed December 23, 2004, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows and reconsider the  
application in light of the following remarks. A request for a one-month  
extension of time accompanies this response.

**-Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.

**-Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.